# Exhibit A

Joint Stipulation of Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action Claims

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Representatives"), on the one hand, and Defendant Circuit City Stores, Inc. ("Circuit City" or

2 "Defendant"), on the other hand, and is subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the

approval of the Court. As used herein, "Settlement" means the terms and conditions set forth in

this Stipulation of Settlement. Plaintiffs and Defendant are referenced collectively herein as "the

5 Parties."

- 1. On April 4, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a proposed class action complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC369011, captioned Daniel E. Weidler, Michael F. Yezback, Eloise Garcia, individually and on behalf of a class of all similarly situated employees v. Circuit City Stores, Inc. On September 4, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint, captioned Daniel E. Weidler, Michael F. Yezback, Eloise Garcia, Angie Duron, individually and on behalf of a class of all similarly situated employees v. Circuit City Stores, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "the Action"). The First Amended Complaint alleges that Plaintiffs and other similarly situated former employees of Defendant are entitled to recover general and compensatory damages, including unpaid wages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and costs under California Government Code section 12940 et seq. Plaintiffs' complaint also contains a cause of action for wrongful discharge in violation of public policy, including violation of California Government Code sections 12940 and 12941, and seeks general and compensatory damages, including unpaid wages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys' fees,
- 2. Plaintiffs believe the Action is meritorious as described in their complaint, and that this case is appropriate for class certification under California law. Plaintiffs have considered the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to continue the Action against Defendant through class certification, pre-trial motions, trial, and any possible appeals. Plaintiffs have also taken into account the uncertainty and risk of the outcome of further litigation, and the difficulties inherent in such litigation. Plaintiffs are also aware of the burdens of proof necessary to establish suitability of the case as a class action, liability for the claims asserted in the Action, Defendant's defenses thereto, and the difficulties in establishing Plaintiffs' damages. Plaintiffs have also considered the settlement negotiations conducted by the Parties and the recommendations of the

- 3. Defendant denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint. Defendant contends, among other things, that at all times it has fully complied with the California Government Code, and that Plaintiffs and similarly situated employees were paid all wages owing to them under California law.
- 4. The Parties have conducted significant discovery and investigation of the facts and law both before and after the Action was filed. Such discovery and investigation have included, inter alia, the exchange of information pursuant to extensive informal discovery, meetings and conferences, two mediation sessions, and interviews of potential witnesses. Although formal discovery was stayed, the Parties exchanged and analyzed extensive electronic data, including information regarding Defendant's March 28, 2007 terminations which form the basis of Plaintiffs' complaint, documents reflecting Defendant's relevant policies and procedures, information relevant to the size and composition of the putative classes of former employees alleged in the complaint, documents regarding the implementation of the March 28, 2007 terminations, and information relevant to the damages alleged in the complaint. The Parties each hired experts to analyze employment data for class representatives and putative class members. On April 21, 2008 and May 15, 2008, the Parties participated in mediation sessions with mediator Antonio Piazza in San Francisco. The Parties subsequently reached a tentative agreement to settle the case, agreed on the key terms of the tentative settlement, and continued to negotiate specific terms of the settlement. The Parties now enter into this detailed, formalized settlement agreement to submit to the Court for approval in accordance with their earlier tentative agreement.

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- d. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Settlement Class.
- e. The deRubertis Law Firm and Allred, Maroko & Goldberg shall be deemed "Class Counsel" and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class Members.
- f. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Settlement Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct.
- g. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over questions affecting individual members of those classes, and a class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- It is the desire of the Parties to fully, finally, and forever settle, compromise, and 8. discharge all disputes and claims that exist between them arising from or related to the lawsuit or the Class Members' termination of employment in or about March of 2007 from Circuit City. In order to achieve a full and complete release of Defendant (and the Releasees as defined in Paragraph 9) of such disputes and claims, each Class Member (which includes any legal heirs and/or successors-in-interest of each Class Member), through execution of the Stipulation of Settlement by the Class Representatives, acknowledges that this Stipulation of Settlement is intended to include in its effect all claims arising from or related to the lawsuit or the Class Members' termination of employment in or about March of 2007, exclusive only of claims the Class Members may have under the related case of Moncayo, et al. v. Circuit City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC368973, contained in this Settlement, including all claims set forth in paragraph 28 of this Stipulation of Settlement, which each Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor against Defendant. The Settlement Class, including Plaintiffs and each Class Member, waives all rights and benefits afforded by section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California with respect to such disputes and claims, and does so understanding the significance of that waiver. Section 1542 provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time

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of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

- 9. It is the intention of the Parties that this Stipulation of Settlement shall constitute a full and complete settlement and release all claims arising from or related to the lawsuit or the Class Members' termination of employment in or about March of 2007, including, without limitation, any and all claims under state and federal law for unpaid damages, penalties and attorneys' fees arising from the Class Members' termination of employment in or about March of 2007, and, as encompassed by the class definition, exclusive only of claims the Class Members may have under the related case of *Moncayo*, et al. v. Circuit City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC368973, which release shall include in its effect Circuit City Stores, Inc., and each of their present and former affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, shareholders, officers, partners, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors and assigns and each and all of their respective officers, partners, directors, servants, agents, shareholders, employees, representatives, accountants, insurers, and attorneys, past, present, and future, and all persons acting under, by, through, or in concert with any of them (collectively, the "Releasees").
- action, including an extensive review of relevant documents and electronic data, and has diligently pursued an investigation of Class Members' claims against Defendant. Prior to the Parties' tentative agreement to settle this case, Class Counsel examined extensive data pertaining to Class Members, including dates of employment and termination, data regarding Class Members' age and compensation rates, documents regarding the March 28, 2007 terminations, and Class Members' potential damages. Based on the foregoing data, data developed during discovery, and its own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel is of the opinion that this Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and is in the best interest of the Class Members in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay, defenses asserted by Defendant to class certification and liability, and numerous potential appellate issues.

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- 11. The Parties agree to cooperate and to take all steps necessary and appropriate to dismiss this action with prejudice after all payments described herein have been made.
- 12. In order for Defendant to make payment to a Class Member, it is necessary for the Class Member to provide certain information and confirm his or her identity and address. This Settlement provides that Defendant will make payments of specified sums to every Class Member who does not opt out of the Settlement and provides the information necessary to make payment by submitting a timely Claim Form. This Settlement establishes a Maximum Class Payment from which claims are paid, and establishes an individual entitlement for each Class Member who provides the necessary information by submitting a valid, timely Claim Form.
- 13. This Settlement provides for a "claims made" process requiring Defendant to make a maximum payment of FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000.00) that shall be referred to herein as the "Maximum Payment." The Maximum Payment represents the maximum amount that Defendant shall make toward the settlement of this action (except that Defendant shall also be responsible for the employer's share of payroll taxes in addition to the Maximum Payment). The Maximum Payment includes Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, the enhancement payments to the Class Representatives, and all costs of administration of this Settlement. Under no circumstances shall Defendant be required to make any payment in excess of the Maximum Payment.
- 14. The Parties agree to work together expeditiously to obtain preliminary and final approval of this Settlement. The parties agree that California Code of Civil Procedure section 384 is not applicable to this Settlement. Neither Plaintiffs nor Class Counsel shall take, or cause any other person to take, a position before the Court that California Code of Civil Procedure section 384 applies to this Settlement.
- 15. In the event that more than 10% of the Class Members exclude themselves from the settlement by timely returning Request for Exclusion forms to the Claims Administrator, Defendant may, at its sole option, rescind this Stipulation. In order to exercise its rights under this paragraph, Defendant must give written notice to Class Counsel and to the Court no later than

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fifteen (15) days after the deadline for Class Members to submit Request for Exclusion forms to the Claims Administrator.

- 16. The "Maximum Class Payment" will consist of the portion of the Maximum Payment remaining after subtraction of Court-approved attorneys' fees and costs, enhancement awards to Class Representatives, and costs of administration. The Parties estimate that the Maximum Class Payment will total approximately ELEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,140,000.00) if all fees, costs, and enhancements are approved by the Court.
- 17. 100% of the Maximum Class Payment shall be available for distribution to Class Members.
- 18. Each Class Member who submits a valid, timely Claim Form shall be entitled to a share of the Class Payment based on the formula set forth below in paragraph 20(d).
- 19. For tax purposes the Parties agree to allocate 25% of any amounts paid to Class Members as wages, and 75% to non-wages, reportable on IRS Form 1099, as required.

# TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

- 20. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and warranties set forth herein, the Parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:
- This lawsuit and any claims, damages, or causes of action arising out of the dispute which is the subject of this lawsuit, or related to the Class Members' termination of employment in or about March of 2007, shall be settled and compromised as between the Settlement Class and Defendant, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement and the approval of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. In the event that the Court does not execute and file the Order of Final Approval, or in the event that the Order of Final Approval does not become final for any reason, or in the event that this Settlement is modified in any material respect, or in the event that the Settlement Date, as defined herein, does not occur, this Stipulation of Settlement shall be deemed null and void ab initio and shall be of no force or effect whatsoever, and shall not be referred to or utilized for any purpose whatsoever.

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PAUL, PLEVIN, SULLIVAN & CONNAUGHTON LLP b. <u>Settlement Date</u>: The Settlement embodied in this Stipulation of Settlement shall go into effect upon entry of a final order by the Court certifying the class and dismissing this action with prejudice in accordance with the terms herein, and approving this Stipulation of Settlement.

# c. <u>Initial Reductions from the Maximum Payment:</u>

- 1) Attorneys' Fees: Subject to the Court's final approval, Defendant agrees to Plaintiffs' request for an attorneys' fees award to Class Counsel in the amount of 25% of the Maximum Payment (up to \$3.75 million), in order to compensate and reimburse Class Counsel for all of the work already performed by Class Counsel in this case, all of the work remaining to be performed by Class Counsel in documenting the Settlement, securing Court approval of the Settlement, making sure that the Settlement is fairly administered and implemented, and obtaining dismissal of the action, as well as for all costs and expenses incurred by Class Counsel. Such a percentage fee is warranted considering, without limitation: (1) the time and labor required of Class Counsel in this matter; (2) the complexity involved and the results obtained; (3) the potential contingent nature of the compensation; (4) the opportunity costs to Class Counsel in the time the engagement has taken away from other potential matters; (5) the recognized benchmark award of 30% by California and federal courts in similar class action cases; and (6) the informed consent of the Class Representatives to a percentage fee award up to 331/3%. This attorneys' fee award shall be inclusive of costs advanced by Class Counsel to prosecute this action.
- Administration Costs: The Parties have selected Rosenthal & Company as the "Claims Administrator" in this action. Reasonable administration fees and costs shall be paid to the Claims Administrator for work performed and expenses incurred in administration of this Settlement; provided, however, that such administration costs shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). All payments to the Claims Administrator shall be deducted from the Maximum Payment subject to Court approval.
- 3) <u>Class Representative Enhancements</u>: Subject to Court approval, Defendant agrees to Class Counsel's request for an enhancement award of Fifteen Thousand

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Dollars (\$15,000.00) each to Plaintiffs Daniel Weidler, Michael Yezback, Eloise Garcia, and Angie Duron, for a total of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) in consideration for serving as Class Representatives. The enhancement awards are in addition to the claim share to which the Class Representatives are entitled along with other claiming Class Members.

Payments to Class Members: In consideration for this Settlement and the d. release of all claims of the Settlement Class against Defendant, Defendant agrees to pay to each member of the Settlement Class who submits a valid, timely claim a share of the Maximum Class Payment.

The Maximum Class Payment will be divided among the Class Members by a formula based on the number of years of service prior to termination in or about March 2007. The determination of each Class Member's years of service shall be made by the claims administrator based on company records. Each Class Member shall automatically receive one (1) point (the initial point). Then, for each five (5) years of service, a class member shall receive an additional point. For example, a Class Member who worked two (2) years shall receive one (1) point total (the initial point). A Class Member who worked seven (7) years shall receive two (2) points (the initial point plus an additional point upon completing five (5) years of service).

At the conclusion of the claims period, the claims administrator shall determine the total number of points attributable to valid, timely claims and the total number of points attributable to Class Members who do not submit valid claims and/or opt-out. The claims administrator will then divide the Maximum Class Payment by the total number of points attributed to all Class Members, including those who did not submit a valid claim or opted out. This calculation will result in a specific dollar value per point for all Class Members, regardless of whether the Class Member submitted a claim or opted out.

Following the determination of the specific dollar value per point, the claims administrator will deduct from the Maximum Class Payment the amount of dollars attributable to those Class Members who do not submit valid, timely claims and/or opt-out. The remaining amount of the Maximum Class Payment shall be distributed to the Class Members who submitted valid, timely claims. Each Class Members' respective payment shall be calculated by multiplying the Class

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Treatment of Unclaimed Portions of Maximum Class Payment: To the extent that any Class Member fails to make a claim, the portion of the Maximum Class Payment initially allocated to that Class Member will remain the property of Defendant.

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#### 22. Funding and Payout of Settlement:

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Settlement Funding Deadline: Within ten (10) business days of the "Effective Date" of final approval by the Court, the Claims Administrator will notify Defendant and Class Counsel of the actual amount to be paid under the Settlement, including the payment of claims administration costs, all payments for Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, enhancement payments to the four Class Representatives, and the claims of all individual Class

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Members. Within twenty (20) days of said notification, Defendant will transfer funds to the Claims Administrator sufficient to make all such payments. The Effective Date of the Settlement

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shall be the date of final approval if no objections are filed to the settlement. If objections are

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filed and overruled, and no appeal is taken of the final approval order, then the Effective Date of final approval shall be sixty-five (65) days after the trial court enters final approval. If an appeal

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final approval shall be twenty (20) days after the appeal is withdrawn or after an appellate decision affirming the final approval decision becomes final.

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Settlement Payout Timetable: Within thirty (30) business days of the Ъ. "Effective Date" of final approval of the settlement, the Claims Administrator will pay all claims, and Court-approved attorneys' fees, costs, and enhancement payments. No money will be

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distributed unless and until the Effective Date of final approval occurs.

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Miscellaneous Provisions regarding Settlement Funds: 23.

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Tax Treatment of Claim Share Portion of Settlement Payments: Of the amount to be paid to Class Members, 25% is allocated to wages, and 75% to non-wages. The

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payments designated as wages. Each Class Member who receives a payment under this Settlement will receive an IRS Form W-2 from the Claims Administrator for his or her portion of

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- b. <u>Tax Treatment of Class Representative Enhancement Award</u>: Class Representatives will receive an IRS Form 1099 for their individual enhancement award, and will be responsible for correctly characterizing this additional compensation for tax purposes and for the payment of any taxes owing on said amount.
- Member: A "Qualified Claimant" will be defined as an individual in the Settlement Class who timely submits a Claim Form signed under the penalty of perjury. If a Qualified Claimant timely disputes Defendant's records (on a Claim Form) as to the dates that he or she met the definition of a Class Member, or as to the proper size of his or her claim, the Parties' counsel will make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute informally. If they cannot agree, the dispute shall be submitted to the Claims Administrator, who shall examine Defendant's records and make a good faith determination, which determination shall be final.
- d. Right to Rescission: Notwithstanding any other provision of this

  Stipulation of Settlement, Defendant shall retain the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, to nullify the settlement within fifteen (15) days of expiration of the opt-out deadline, if more than 10% of the Class Members opt out of the settlement by timely submitting Request for Exclusion forms. In the event of such a rescission, no party may use the fact that the Parties agreed to settle this case as evidence of Defendant's liability in this lawsuit or the lack thereof. All signatories and their counsel must not encourage opt-outs. Class Counsel and Class Representatives specifically agree not to solicit opt-outs, directly or indirectly, through any means.

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# NOTICE TO THE PLAINTIFF CLASS

The Parties agree that within ten (10) days after preliminary approval of this 24. settlement agreement, Defendant will provide to the Claims Administrator all of the following information about each Class Member in a format requested by the Claims Administrator: (1) name; (2) last known home address; (3) Social Security number; (4) the dates of employment of each Class Member. The Claims Administrator will perform address updates and verifications as necessary prior to the first mailing. Within twenty (20) days after preliminary approval, and subject to the approval of the Court, the Claims Administrator will mail a Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement ("Notice") in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to each Class Member, by first class mail. Attached to the Notice will be a Claim Form and Request for Exclusion Form, in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits "B" and "C," respectively.

#### **CLAIM PROCESS**

- 25. Class Members will be permitted no more than forty-five (45) days from the date the notices are mailed by the Claims Administrator to postmark or fax Claim Forms back to the Claims Administrator. Class Members will also have forty-five (45) days from the date the Notices are mailed by the Claims Administrator to postmark objections and/or Requests For Exclusion. The Claims Administrator will perform two skip-traces on returned mail and re-mail claim forms to an updated address (if any) within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the returned mail. It is the intent of the Parties that reasonable means be used to locate Class Members. Any portion of the Maximum Class Payment not timely claimed shall be retained by Defendant.
- Within five (5) business days of receipt by the Claims Administrator of each timely 26. submitted Claim Form, the Claims Administrator will send a deficiency notice to the Class Member for any irregularities in the completed Claim Form. The deficiency notice will provide the Class Members no more than fifteen (15) days from the mailing of the deficiency notice to postmark the response to any deficiencies in writing. The failure of a Class Member to execute a Claim Form under penalty of perjury, timely submit a claim form, or timely submit a response to any deficiency notice shall invalidate a claim and will not be considered deficiencies subject to

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Administrator at the address indicated on the Claim Form. Defendant has made a good faith effort to identify all class members and will provide a detailed list of such class members to the Claims Administrator on an Excel spreadsheet or in such other format as requested by the Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator will certify jointly to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel which claims were timely filed. The Claims Administrator shall be responsible for calculating the payment to each Class Member, issuing checks, withholding of all required state and federal taxes, and mailing the payments. Upon completion of the claims period, the Claims Administrator shall provide Plaintiffs and Defendant with a report listing the amount of all payments to be made to each Qualified Claimant. Proof of payment will be filed with the Court and provided to the Parties' counsel.

### **RELEASE BY THE CLASS**

28. Upon final approval by the Court, the Settlement Class, and each Class Member who has not submitted a valid Request For Exclusion form, will release Circuit City, and each of their present and former affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, shareholders, officers, partners, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors and assigns and each and all of their respective officers, partners, directors, servants, agents, shareholders, employees, representatives, accountants, insurers, and attorneys, past, present, and future, and all persons acting under, by, through, or in concert with any of them (collectively, the "Releasees"), from any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, action, or causes of action, contingent or accrued, that relate to the Class Members' termination of employment in or about March of 2007 from Circuit City, exclusive only of claims the Class Members may have under the related case of Moncayo, et al. v. Circuit City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC368973, under any federal, state, or local law, including without limitation: allegations of discrimination, wrongful termination, harassment, retaliation, the nonpayment of wages under any federal, state, or local law; allegations of the failure to pay penalties under the California Labor Code (including without limitation penalties under Labor

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Code sections 203 and 226); or any other termination related allegations that could have been alleged in or that arise from the complaint, including without limitation all claims arising under the FLSA, the California Labor Code or Business and Professions Code (including section 17200), or the IWC Wage Orders, claims for restitution and other equitable relief, conversion, liquidated damages, punitive damages, waiting time penalties, penalties of any nature whatsoever, retirement, health benefits, stock options, stock deferred compensation benefits, or any other benefit claimed on account of unpaid wages, whether known or unknown, and all attendant attorneys' fees and costs, arising therefrom.

Upon final approval by the Court, the Settlement Class and each Class Member who has not submitted a valid Request For Exclusion form will expressly waive any and all rights they may have under the Older Workers Benefits Protection Act (OWBPA). This Agreement is intended to satisfy the requirements of the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. § 626(f) and to effectuate the release by the Settlement Class, and each Class Member who has not submitted a valid Request For Exclusion form, of any potential claims under the Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The release of such potential claims shall not become effective or enforceable until the eighth day after the deadline for submitting a Claim Form ("Enforceable Date"). In other words, any Class Member who submits a Claim Form may revoke their claim within seven (7) days of the expiration of the claims period, which ends on DATE. In order to be effective, a revocation must be in writing and received by the Claims Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. not later than the seventh day after the end of the claims period. Class Members are advised to consult with Class Counsel or another attorney regarding this Settlement. This Settlement does not waive or release any rights or claims that any Class Member may have under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act that arise after the date of final approval by the Court.

Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree that they have read and understand the terms and conditions of this Agreement; that they understand that by entering into this Agreement, the Settlement Class is giving up potentially valuable legal rights and intends to be bound by all the terms and conditions set forth herein; that the Settlement Class is entering into this Agreement freely, knowingly and voluntarily; that this Agreement advised them in writing that they may

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Administrator for administration of this Settlement, subject to final review of the Court.

# **DUTIES OF THE PARTIES FOLLOWING FINAL APPROVAL**

- 31. Following final approval of the settlement provided for in this Stipulation of Settlement, Class Counsel will submit a proposed final order:
- a. Approving the Settlement, adjudging the terms thereof to be fair, reasonable, and adequate, and directing consummation of its terms and provisions;
  - b. Approving the award of attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel;
  - c. Approving the enhancement award to Plaintiffs;
- d. Approving the payment of fees and costs of administration to the Claim Administrator; and
- e. Dismissing this Action on the merits and with prejudice and permanently barring all members of the Settlement Class from prosecuting against Releasees, any individual or class claims arising out of the acts, facts, transactions, occurrences, representations, or omissions set forth in the lawsuit, that were or could have been asserted in the Action, through the date of the final approval of this Settlement upon satisfaction of all payments and obligations hereunder.

# PARTIES' AUTHORITY

32. The signatories hereto hereby represent that they are fully authorized to enter into this Stipulation of Settlement and bind the Parties hereto to the terms and conditions hereof.

# **MUTUAL FULL COOPERATION**

33. The Parties agree to fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement, including but not limited to, execution of such documents and to take such other action as may reasonably be necessary to implement the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement. The Parties to this Stipulation of Settlement shall use their best efforts, including all efforts contemplated by this Stipulation of Settlement and any other efforts that may become necessary by order of the Court, or otherwise, to effectuate this Stipulation of Settlement and the terms set forth herein. As soon as practicable after execution of this Stipulation of Settlement, Class Counsel shall, with the assistance and cooperation of Defendant and its counsel, take all necessary steps to secure the Court's final approval of this Stipulation of Settlement.

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34. The Parties hereto represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights herein released and discharged except as set forth herein.

# NO ADMISSION

35. Nothing contained herein, nor the consummation of this Stipulation of Settlement, is to be construed or deemed an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant. Each of the Parties hereto has entered into this Stipulation of Settlement with the intention to avoid further disputes and litigation with the attendant inconvenience and expenses.

# CONSTRUCTION

36. The Parties hereto agree that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation of Settlement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length negotiations between the Parties, and that this Stipulation of Settlement shall not be construed in favor of or against any party by reason of the extent to which any party or his, her, or its counsel participated in the drafting of this Stipulation of Settlement.

# CAPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

37. Paragraph titles or captions contained herein are inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Stipulation of Settlement or any provision hereof. Each term of this Stipulation of Settlement is contractual and not merely a recital.

# **MODIFICATION**

38. This Stipulation of Settlement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in writing and signed by the Parties hereto, and approved by the Court. This Stipulation of Settlement may not be discharged except by performance in accordance with its terms or by a writing signed by the Parties hereto.

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### INTEGRATION CLAUSE

This Stipulation of Settlement contains the entire agreement between the Parties

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40. This Stipulation of Settlement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, successors, and

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# EXHIBIT A

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Case Name: DANIEL E. WEIDLER, MICHAEL F. YEZBACK, ELOISE GARCIA, ANGIE DURON, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, v. CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC369011.

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY CIRCUIT CITY IN CALIFORNIA WHO WERE AT LEAST FORTY (40) YEARS OF AGE AS OF MARCH 28, 2007 AND WHOSE EMPLOYMENT WITH CIRCUIT CITY WAS TERMINATED ON OR ABOUT MARCH 28, 2007 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN RELATION TO THEIR WAGE RATES:

# THIS NOTICE AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a proposed settlement ("Settlement") of the above-captioned class action litigation ("Litigation") pending in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, has been reached by the Parties and has been granted preliminary approval by the Court supervising the Litigation. The purpose of this Notice is to describe the Litigation, to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and to inform you of your rights and options in connection with the proposed Settlement. The proposed Settlement will resolve all claims in this Litigation. A Final Approval Hearing will be held on TIME AND DATE, to determine whether the Settlement should be granted final approval. Because your rights may be affected, it is extremely important that you read this Notice carefully. You must file a claim which is postmarked by DATE 45 DAYS AFTER MAILING OF NOTICE to participate in the Settlement. If you do not file a claim by DATE 45 DAYS AFTER MAILING OF NOTICE, you will not receive any payment from this settlement. Unless you choose to opt out of the Settlement, you will be bound by the Settlement if it is approved and by any order entered by the Court.

## SUMMARY OF THE LITIGATION

- 2. On April 4, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a proposed class action complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC369011, captioned DANIEL E. WEIDLER, MICHAEL F. YEZBACK, ELOISE GARCIA, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, v. CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.
- 3. On September 4, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") captioned DANIEL E. WEIDLER, MICHAEL F. YEZBACK, ELOISE GARCIA, ANGIE DURON, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, v. CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC. The FAC alleges that Plaintiffs and other similarly situated former employees of Defendant are entitled to recover general and compensatory damages, including unpaid wages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and costs under California Government Code sections 12940 et seq. Plaintiffs' complaint also contains a cause of action for wrongful discharge in violation of public policy, including violation of Government Code section 12940 and 12941, and seeks general and compensatory damages, including unpaid wages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and costs. You have received this Notice because Circuit City's records show that you were employed by Circuit City in California and were at least forty (40) years of age as of March 28, 2007, and your employment with Circuit City was terminated on or about March 28, 2007 or shortly thereafter in relation to your wage rate

#### **POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiffs believe they have filed a meritorious action as described in their complaint, and that this case is appropriate for class certification under California law.
- 5. Circuit City denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint. Circuit City contends, among other things, that at all times it has complied with the California Government Code and that it paid Plaintiffs and similarly situated employees all wages owing to them under California law.
- 6. Class Counsel has conducted a thorough investigation into the facts of the class action, including an extensive review of relevant documents, and has diligently pursued an investigation of Class Members' claims against Circuit City. Prior to the agreeing to the terms of a settlement, Class Counsel examined extensive data, including information regarding Circuit City's March 28, 2007 terminations which form the basis of Plaintiffs' complaint, documents reflecting Circuit City's relevant policies and procedures, information relevant to the size and composition of the putative classes of former employees alleged in the complaint, documents regarding the implementation of the March 28, 2007 terminations, and information relevant to the damages alleged in the complaint. Based on the foregoing data, data developed during discovery, and its own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel

is of the opinion that this Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Class Members in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay, defenses asserted by Circuit City, and numerous potential appellate issues.

- 7. Circuit City has also extensively investigated and researched factual and legal issues raised in the Litigation. Although Circuit City believes it has meritorious defenses to the Litigation, Circuit City has concluded that the further defense of this Litigation would be lengthy and expensive for all Parties. Circuit City has, therefore, agreed to settle this Litigation to put to rest all claims that are or could have been asserted against it in the Litigation.
- 8. The Court has made no ruling on the merits of Plaintiffs' claims and has determined only that certification of the class for settlement purposes is appropriate under California law.

#### PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT

9. On DATE, the Court appointed the following attorneys as Co-Class Counsel to represent the Settlement Class in this Action:

David deRubertis
The deRubertis Law Firm
21800 Oxnard Street, Suite 1180
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Nathan Goldberg Michael Maroko Allred, Moroko & Goldberg 6300 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90048

- 10. On DATE, for purposes of the Settlement, the Court certified the Settlement Class.
- 11. The Settlement Class consists of "Class Members." A "Class Member" is defined as: "All persons who were employed by Circuit City in California and who were at least forty (40) years of age as of March 28, 2007, and whose employment with Circuit City was terminated on or about March 28, 2007 or shortly thereafter in relation to their wage rates."
- 12. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the proposed Settlement described below if it is approved, unless you make a written request for exclusion in the manner described below.

#### SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT TERMS

- 13. Maximum Payment. The Agreement provides that Circuit City will pay up to \$15,000,000.00 to fully resolve the issues in the Litigation ("Maximum Payment"). After the following Court-approved deductions, the remaining amount ("Maximum Class Payment") will be distributed to Class Members who timely file claims.
  - (a) <u>Deductions</u>. The following deductions will be made from the Maximum Payment:
  - (i) Attorneys' Fees and Costs Award. The Court has appointed the deRubertis Law Firm and Allred, Maroko & Goldberg as Co-Class Counsel. As part of the Settlement approval process, Class Counsel will seek approval of an award of attorneys' fees and expenses (the "Fees and Expense Award") in a total amount of 25% of the Maximum Payment (\$3,750,000.00). Class Counsel shall not be permitted to petition the Court for any additional payments for fees, costs or interest and the Fees and Expense Award shall cover all attorneys' fees and costs, past, present, and future incurred in the Litigation. As part of the Settlement, you will not be required to pay Class Counsel for representing you in the Litigation.
  - (ii) Enhancements to the Plaintiffs. The Court has approved enhancement payments of \$15,000.00 to each of the four named Plaintiffs for acting as representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class. These enhancements will be in addition to whatever payment they are otherwise entitled to receive as Class Members.
  - (iii) Administration Costs: The Court has approved the Parties selection of CPT Group, Inc. as the "Claims Administrator" in this action. Reasonable administration fees and costs shall be paid to the Claims Administrator for work performed and expenses incurred in administration of this Settlement; provided, however, that such administration costs shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
  - (b) <u>Payment to Class Members: Plan of Allocation</u>. The approximately \$11,140,000.00 remaining after these deductions will be available for distribution to Class Members who timely file claims. Each Class Member who timely files a claim will receive a share of the Maximum Class Payment based on the Class Member's years of service

with Circuit City prior to their termination in or about March 2007. It is not possible at this point to provide you with an exact amount you are eligible to receive in the Settlement until the Court approves the final amount of attorneys' fees, enhancement payments, and administration costs. An estimate of how much you would be eligible to receive is included on your individual Claim Form included with this packet.

- (c) Tax Matters. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount paid to each Settlement Class Member will be considered as wages and subject to standard wage-related deductions. IRS Forms W-2 and 1099 (and/or the equivalent California forms), if required, will be distributed to Settlement Class Members reflecting the payments they receive under the Settlement. Settlement Class Members should consult with their tax advisors concerning the tax consequences of the payments that they receive under the Settlement.
- (d) <u>Unclaimed Funds</u>. If not all Class Members participate in the Settlement, any unclaimed amounts shall be retained by Circuit City.
- (e) <u>Conditions of the Settlement</u>. This Settlement is conditioned upon the Court entering an order approving the Settlement.

#### RELEASE OF CLAIMS

- 14. All Class Members who have not validly requested exclusion from the Settlement will be bound by the terms of the proposed Settlement if it is approved and if the Order of Final Approval becomes final.
- 15. The Settlement, if approved, shall constitute a full and complete settlement and release of all claims arising from, or related to, the Litigation, or related to any Class Member's termination of employment with Circuit City on or about March 28, 2007, including, without limitation, any and all claims under state and federal law for discrimination (including age discrimination), wrongful termination, harassment, retaliation, unpaid compensation, penalties and attorneys' fees arising from Defendant's termination of the Class Members on or about March 28, 2007, exclusive only of claims Class Members may have under the related case of Moncayo, et al. v. Circuit City, which release shall include in its effect Circuit City, and each of their present and former affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, shareholders, officers, partners, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns, and each and all of their respective officers, partners, directors, servants, agents, shareholders, employees, representatives, accountants, insurers, and attorneys, past, present, and future, and all persons acting under, by, through, or in concert with any of them (collectively, the "Releasees"). This Settlement is specifically intended to satisfy the requirements of the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act, and to effectuate the release by the Settlement Class, and each Class Member who does not submit a valid Request For Exclusion form, of any potential claims under the Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act. As part of this Settlement, each Class Member who does not submit a valid Request for Exclusion form waives all rights and benefits afforded by the Older Workers Benefits Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. § 626(f). The release of such potential claims shall not become effective or enforceable until the eighth day after the deadline for submitting a Claim Form described in paragraph 17 of this Notice. ("Enforceable Date"). In other words, Class Members have 45 days in which to consider this Notice of Settlement and submit a claim. Any Class Member who submits a Claim Form may revoke their claim within seven (7) days of the expiration of the claims period, which ends on DATE. In order to be effective, a revocation must be in writing and received by the Claims Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. not later than the seventh day after the end of the claims period. Class Members are advised to consult with Class Counsel or another attorney regarding this Settlement. This Settlement does not waive or release any rights or claims that any Class Member may have under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act that arise after the execution of this Agreement.
- 16. The Settlement Class, including Plaintiffs and each Class Member, waives all rights and benefits afforded by section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California with respect to such disputes and claims, and does so understanding the significance of that waiver. Section 1542 provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

## PROCEDURE FOR MONETARY RECOVERY

17. If you want to participate in the Settlement and receive money under the Settlement, you must sign and date the enclosed Claim Form and mail or fax it no later than DATE, to the Claims Administrator.

- 18. A copy of your Claim Form is attached. (If you need an extra copy, contact the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel.) If any information provided on the Claim Form is incorrect, please make corrections. For example, if your address is incorrect, please indicate your correct address. Also, please provide your telephone number and any other indicated information referred to on your Claim Form if it is not provided. If you wish to have confirmation that the Claims Administrator has received your Claim Form, you may do so by sending it by certified U.S. Mail with a return-receipt request. If you wish to dispute any information used to calculate your share, you may do so by mailing notice to Class Counsel before the deadline for submitting your Claim Form. Class Counsel will attempt to resolve your dispute informally. If counsel cannot resolve the dispute informally, the dispute will be resolved by the Claims Administrator. In any event, the Claims Administrator must resolve any such disputes prior to final approval of this Settlement.
- 19. If you are a Class Member and you choose to participate in the Settlement, you will be bound by all of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement between the Parties, including a full release of claims that will prevent you from separately suing the Released Parties for the Released Claims settled in this case.
- 20. ANY CLASS MEMBER WHO DOES NOT SUBMIT A TIMELY CLAIM FORM WILL NOT RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT. IF YOU DO NOTHING YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO A SHARE OF SETTLEMENT AMOUNT AND YOU WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EVEN THOUGH YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ANY MONEY.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUSION**

21. Class Members may exclude themselves from (or "opt-out" of) the Settlement by returning the enclosed "Request For Exclusion" form to the Claims Administrator on or before DATE. Persons who submit valid and timely Request For Exclusion forms will not participate in the Settlement, nor will they be bound by the terms of the proposed Settlement.

# OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT/FINAL SETTLEMENT HEARING

- 22. The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on the Settlement Agreement in Department 324 of Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. on DATE, at which time the Court will determine whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.
- 23. Any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement must file with the Court and serve on counsel for the parties a written statement objecting to the Settlement. Such written statement must be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the parties no later than forty-five (45) days after the date this Notice is first mailed. No Class Member shall be entitled to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing (whether individually or through separate counsel) or to object to the Settlement, and no written objections or briefs submitted by any Class Member shall be received or considered by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing, unless written notice of the Class Member's intention to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, and copies of any written objections or briefs, have been timely filed with the Court and served on counsel for the parties and the Claims Administrator. Any written objections, supporting papers and/or notices to appear at the Final Approval Hearing must clearly identify the case name and number (Weidler, et al. v. Circuit City Stores, Inc., Case No. BC369011), must state the full name, address, date of birth, and dates of employment at Circuit City of the objector, and may be submitted to the Court either by mailing to: Clerk of the Court, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, California 90005, or by filing in person at any location of the Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, that includes a facility for civil filings. Any written objections and briefs must be served on counsel for the parties at the following addresses:

#### Co-Class Counsel

Nathan Goldberg Michael Maroko Allred, Maroko & Goldberg 6300 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90048

#### Co-Class Counsel

David deRubertis
The deRubertis Law Firm
21800 Oxnard Street, Suite 1180
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

#### Defendant's Counsel

E. Joseph Connaughton
Jeffrey P. Ames
Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton
LLP
401 B Street, Tenth Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

- 24. Any Class Member who does not file with the Court and serve on counsel his or her written objections in the manner provided above shall be deemed to have waived such objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objections (by appeal or otherwise) to the proposed Settlement.
- 25. Any Class Member who is satisfied with the proposed Settlement need not appear at the Final Approval Hearing.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

26. If you move after receiving this Notice, if it was misaddressed, or if for any reason you want your payment or future correspondence concerning this Litigation and the Settlement to be sent to a different address, you should supply your current preferred address to the Claims Administrator and to Class Counsel.

### **EXAMINATION OF THE PAPERS AND ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES**

- 27. This Notice is only a summary of the Litigation and the proposed Settlement and is not comprehensive. For a more detailed statement of the matters involved in the Litigation and the proposed Settlement, you may refer to the pleadings, the parties' Joint Stipulation of Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action Claims, and other papers filed in the Litigation, which may be examined in person at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays.
- 28. All inquiries by Class Members regarding this Notice and/or the Settlement should be directed to Co-Class Counsel: Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, 6300 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California 90048, Telephone: 323-653-653, or The deRubertis Law Firm, 21800 Oxnard Street, Suite 1180, Woodland Hills, California 91367, Telephone: 818-227-8605. You may also retain your own attorney at your own expense.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT, THE JUDGE, CIRCUIT CITY OR CIRCUIT CITY'S ATTORNEYS WITH INQUIRIES.

BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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# EXHIBIT B

# **CLAIM FORM**

Your estimated share of the Settlement is \$<< PRELIMINARY AMOUNT>>.

Must be postmarked or received no later than [DATE] Weidler, et al. v. Circuit City Stores, Inc.

Claims Administrator
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[City, State, Zip]
[Telephone Number], [Fax Number]

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# EXHIBIT C

# REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

I have received the Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement in Weidler et al. v. Circuit City, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC369011. I hereby request to be excluded from this class action lawsuit. I understand that because of this request, I will not receive any settlement payment.

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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Case Name: DANIEL E. WEIDLER, MICHAEL F. YEZBACK, ELOISE GARCIA, ANGIE DURON, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, v. CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC369011.

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY CIRCUIT CITY IN CALIFORNIA WHO WERE AT LEAST FORTY (40) YEARS OF AGE AS OF MARCH 28, 2007 AND WHOSE EMPLOYMENT WITH CIRCUIT CITY WAS TERMINATED ON OR ABOUT MARCH 28, 2007 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN RELATION TO THEIR WAGE RATES:

# THIS NOTICE AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a proposed settlement ("Settlement") of the above-captioned class action litigation ("Litigation") pending in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, has been reached by the Parties and has been granted preliminary approval by the Court supervising the Litigation. The purpose of this Notice is to describe the Litigation, to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and to inform you of your rights and options in connection with the proposed Settlement. The proposed Settlement will resolve all claims in this Litigation. A Final Approval Hearing will be held on TIME AND DATE, to determine whether the Settlement should be granted final approval. Because your rights may be affected, it is extremely important that you read this Notice carefully. You must file a claim which is postmarked by DATE 45 DAYS AFTER MAILING OF NOTICE to participate in the Settlement. If you do not file a claim by DATE 45 DAYS AFTER MAILING OF NOTICE, you will not receive any payment from this settlement. Unless you choose to opt out of the Settlement, you will be bound by the Settlement if it is approved and by any order entered by the Court.

# **SUMMARY OF THE LITIGATION**

- 2. On April 4, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a proposed class action complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC369011, captioned DANIEL E. WEIDLER, MICHAEL F. YEZBACK, ELOISE GARCIA, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, v. CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.
- 3. On September 4, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") captioned DANIEL E. WEIDLER, MICHAEL F. YEZBACK, ELOISE GARCIA, ANGIE DURON, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, v. CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC. The FAC alleges that Plaintiffs and other similarly situated former employees of Defendant are entitled to recover general and compensatory damages, including unpaid wages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and costs under California Government Code sections 12940 et seq. Plaintiffs' complaint also contains a cause of action for wrongful discharge in violation of public policy, including violation of Government Code section 12940 and 12941, and seeks general and compensatory damages, including unpaid wages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and costs. You have received this Notice because Circuit City's records show that you were employed by Circuit City in California and were at least forty (40) years of age as of March 28, 2007, and your employment with Circuit City was terminated on or about March 28, 2007 or shortly thereafter in relation to your wage rate

# **POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiffs believe they have filed a meritorious action as described in their complaint, and that this case is appropriate for class certification under California law.
- 5. Circuit City denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint. Circuit City contends, among other things, that at all times it has complied with the California Government Code and that it paid Plaintiffs and similarly situated employees all wages owing to them under California law.
- 6. Class Counsel has conducted a thorough investigation into the facts of the class action, including an extensive review of relevant documents, and has diligently pursued an investigation of Class Members' claims against Circuit City. Prior to the agreeing to the terms of a settlement, Class Counsel examined extensive data, including information regarding Circuit City's March 28, 2007 terminations which form the basis of Plaintiffs' complaint, documents reflecting Circuit City's relevant policies and procedures, information relevant to the size and composition of the putative classes of former employees alleged in the complaint, documents regarding the implementation of the March 28, 2007 terminations, and information relevant to the damages alleged in the complaint. Based on the foregoing data, data developed during discovery, and its own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel

is of the opinion that this Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Class Members in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay, defenses asserted by Circuit City, and numerous potential appellate issues.

- 7. Circuit City has also extensively investigated and researched factual and legal issues raised in the Litigation. Although Circuit City believes it has meritorious defenses to the Litigation, Circuit City has concluded that the further defense of this Litigation would be lengthy and expensive for all Parties. Circuit City has, therefore, agreed to settle this Litigation to put to rest all claims that are or could have been asserted against it in the Litigation.
- 8. The Court has made no ruling on the merits of Plaintiffs' claims and has determined only that certification of the class for *settlement purposes* is appropriate under California law.

# PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT

9. On DATE, the Court appointed the following attorneys as Co-Class Counsel to represent the Settlement Class in this Action:

David deRubertis
The deRubertis Law Firm
21800 Oxnard Street, Suite 1180
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Nathan Goldberg Michael Maroko Allred, Moroko & Goldberg 6300 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90048

- 10. On DATE, for purposes of the Settlement, the Court certified the Settlement Class.
- 11. The Settlement Class consists of "Class Members." A "Class Member" is defined as: "All persons who were employed by Circuit City in California and who were at least forty (40) years of age as of March 28, 2007, and whose employment with Circuit City was terminated on or about March 28, 2007 or shortly thereafter in relation to their wage rates."
- 12. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the proposed Settlement described below if it is approved, unless you make a written request for exclusion in the manner described below.

# SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT TERMS

- 13. <u>Maximum Payment</u>. The Agreement provides that Circuit City will pay up to \$15,000,000.00 to fully resolve the issues in the Litigation ("Maximum Payment"). After the following Court-approved deductions, the remaining amount ("Maximum Class Payment") will be distributed to Class Members who timely file claims.
  - (a) <u>Deductions</u>. The following deductions will be made from the Maximum Payment:
  - (i) Attorneys' Fees and Costs Award. The Court has appointed the deRubertis Law Firm and Allred, Maroko & Goldberg as Co-Class Counsel. As part of the Settlement approval process, Class Counsel will seek approval of an award of attorneys' fees and expenses (the "Fees and Expense Award") in a total amount of 25% of the Maximum Payment (\$3,750,000.00). Class Counsel shall not be permitted to petition the Court for any additional payments for fees, costs or interest and the Fees and Expense Award shall cover all attorneys' fees and costs, past, present, and future incurred in the Litigation. As part of the Settlement, you will not be required to pay Class Counsel for representing you in the Litigation.
  - (ii) <u>Enhancements to the Plaintiffs</u>. The Court has approved enhancement payments of \$15,000.00 to each of the four named Plaintiffs for acting as representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class. These enhancements will be in addition to whatever payment they are otherwise entitled to receive as Class Members.
  - (iii) Administration Costs: The Court has approved the Parties selection of CPT Group, Inc. as the "Claims Administrator" in this action. Reasonable administration fees and costs shall be paid to the Claims Administrator for work performed and expenses incurred in administration of this Settlement; provided, however, that such administration costs shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
  - (b) <u>Payment to Class Members: Plan of Allocation</u>. The approximately \$11,140,000.00 remaining after these deductions will be available for distribution to Class Members who timely file claims. Each Class Member who timely files a claim will receive a share of the Maximum Class Payment based on the Class Member's years of service

with Circuit City prior to their termination in or about March 2007. It is not possible at this point to provide you with an exact amount you are eligible to receive in the Settlement until the Court approves the final amount of attorneys' fees, enhancement payments, and administration costs. An estimate of how much you would be eligible to receive is included on your individual Claim Form included with this packet.

- (c) <u>Tax Matters</u>. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount paid to each Settlement Class Member will be considered as wages and subject to standard wage-related deductions. IRS Forms W-2 and 1099 (and/or the equivalent California forms), if required, will be distributed to Settlement Class Members reflecting the payments they receive under the Settlement. Settlement Class Members should consult with their tax advisors concerning the tax consequences of the payments that they receive under the Settlement.
- (d) <u>Unclaimed Funds</u>. If not all Class Members participate in the Settlement, any unclaimed amounts shall be retained by Circuit City.
- (e) <u>Conditions of the Settlement</u>. This Settlement is conditioned upon the Court entering an order approving the Settlement.

### **RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

- 14. All Class Members who have not validly requested exclusion from the Settlement will be bound by the terms of the proposed Settlement if it is approved and if the Order of Final Approval becomes final.
- 15. The Settlement, if approved, shall constitute a full and complete settlement and release of all claims arising from, or related to, the Litigation, or related to any Class Member's termination of employment with Circuit City on or about March 28, 2007, including, without limitation, any and all claims under state and federal law for discrimination (including age discrimination), wrongful termination, harassment, retaliation, unpaid compensation, penalties and attorneys' fees arising from Defendant's termination of the Class Members on or about March 28, 2007, exclusive only of claims Class Members may have under the related case of Moncayo, et al. v. Circuit City, which release shall include in its effect Circuit City, and each of their present and former affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, shareholders, officers, partners, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns, and each and all of their respective officers, partners, directors, servants, agents, shareholders, employees, representatives, accountants, insurers, and attorneys, past, present, and future, and all persons acting under, by, through, or in concert with any of them (collectively, the "Releasees"). This Settlement is specifically intended to satisfy the requirements of the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act, and to effectuate the release by the Settlement Class, and each Class Member who does not submit a valid Request For Exclusion form, of any potential claims under the Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act. As part of this Settlement, each Class Member who does not submit a valid Request for Exclusion form waives all rights and benefits afforded by the Older Workers Benefits Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. § 626(f). The release of such potential claims shall not become effective or enforceable until the eighth day after the deadline for submitting a Claim Form described in paragraph 17 of this Notice. ("Enforceable Date"). In other words, Class Members have 45 days in which to consider this Notice of Settlement and submit a claim. Any Class Member who submits a Claim Form may revoke their claim within seven (7) days of the expiration of the claims period, which ends on DATE. In order to be effective, a revocation must be in writing and received by the Claims Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. not later than the seventh day after the end of the claims period. Class Members are advised to consult with Class Counsel or another attorney regarding this Settlement. This Settlement does not waive or release any rights or claims that any Class Member may have under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act that arise after the execution of this Agreement.
- 16. The Settlement Class, including Plaintiffs and each Class Member, waives all rights and benefits afforded by section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California with respect to such disputes and claims, and does so understanding the significance of that waiver. Section 1542 provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

### PROCEDURE FOR MONETARY RECOVERY

17. If you want to participate in the Settlement and receive money under the Settlement, you must sign and date the enclosed Claim Form and mail or fax it no later than DATE, to the Claims Administrator.

- 18. A copy of your Claim Form is attached. (If you need an extra copy, contact the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel.) If any information provided on the Claim Form is incorrect, please make corrections. For example, if your address is incorrect, please indicate your correct address. Also, please provide your telephone number and any other indicated information referred to on your Claim Form if it is not provided. If you wish to have confirmation that the Claims Administrator has received your Claim Form, you may do so by sending it by certified U.S. Mail with a return-receipt request. If you wish to dispute any information used to calculate your share, you may do so by mailing notice to Class Counsel before the deadline for submitting your Claim Form. Class Counsel will attempt to resolve your dispute informally. If counsel cannot resolve the dispute informally, the dispute will be resolved by the Claims Administrator. In any event, the Claims Administrator must resolve any such disputes prior to final approval of this Settlement.
- 19. If you are a Class Member and you choose to participate in the Settlement, you will be bound by all of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement between the Parties, including a full release of claims that will prevent you from separately suing the Released Parties for the Released Claims settled in this case.
- 20. ANY CLASS MEMBER WHO DOES NOT SUBMIT A TIMELY CLAIM FORM WILL NOT RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT. IF YOU DO NOTHING YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO A SHARE OF SETTLEMENT AMOUNT AND YOU WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EVEN THOUGH YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ANY MONEY.

# PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUSION

21. Class Members may exclude themselves from (or "opt-out" of) the Settlement by returning the enclosed "Request For Exclusion" form to the Claims Administrator on or before DATE. Persons who submit valid and timely Request For Exclusion forms will not participate in the Settlement, nor will they be bound by the terms of the proposed Settlement.

### OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT/FINAL SETTLEMENT HEARING

- 22. The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on the Settlement Agreement in Department 324 of Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005, at a.m. on DATE, at which time the Court will determine whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.
- 23. Any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement must file with the Court and serve on counsel for the parties a written statement objecting to the Settlement. Such written statement must be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the parties no later than forty-five (45) days after the date this Notice is first mailed. No Class Member shall be entitled to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing (whether individually or through separate counsel) or to object to the Settlement, and no written objections or briefs submitted by any Class Member shall be received or considered by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing, unless written notice of the Class Member's intention to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, and copies of any written objections or briefs, have been timely filed with the Court and served on counsel for the parties and the Claims Administrator. Any written objections, supporting papers and/or notices to appear at the Final Approval Hearing must clearly identify the case name and number (Weidler, et al. v. Circuit City Stores, Inc., Case No. BC369011), must state the full name, address, date of birth, and dates of employment at Circuit City of the objector, and may be submitted to the Court either by mailing to: Clerk of the Court, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, California 90005, or by filing in person at any location of the Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, that includes a facility for civil filings. Any written objections and briefs must be served on counsel for the parties at the following addresses:

#### Co-Class Counsel

Nathan Goldberg Michael Maroko Allred, Maroko & Goldberg 6300 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90048

### Co-Class Counsel

David deRubertis
The deRubertis Law Firm
21800 Oxnard Street, Suite 1180
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

#### Defendant's Counsel

E. Joseph Connaughton
Jeffrey P. Ames
Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton
LLP
401 B Street, Tenth Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

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- 24. Any Class Member who does not file with the Court and serve on counsel his or her written objections in the manner provided above shall be deemed to have waived such objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objections (by appeal or otherwise) to the proposed Settlement.
- 25. Any Class Member who is satisfied with the proposed Settlement need not appear at the Final Approval Hearing.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

26. If you move after receiving this Notice, if it was misaddressed, or if for any reason you want your payment or future correspondence concerning this Litigation and the Settlement to be sent to a different address, you should supply your current preferred address to the Claims Administrator and to Class Counsel.

### **EXAMINATION OF THE PAPERS AND ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES**

- 27. This Notice is only a summary of the Litigation and the proposed Settlement and is not comprehensive. For a more detailed statement of the matters involved in the Litigation and the proposed Settlement, you may refer to the pleadings, the parties' Joint Stipulation of Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action Claims, and other papers filed in the Litigation, which may be examined in person at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays.
- 28. All inquiries by Class Members regarding this Notice and/or the Settlement should be directed to Co-Class Counsel: Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, 6300 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California 90048, Telephone: 323-653-653, or The deRubertis Law Firm, 21800 Oxnard Street, Suite 1180, Woodland Hills, California 91367, Telephone: 818-227-8605. You may also retain your own attorney at your own expense.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT, THE JUDGE, CIRCUIT CITY OR CIRCUIT CITY'S ATTORNEYS WITH INQUIRIES.

BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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# **CLAIM FORM**

Your estimated share of the Settlement is \$<< PRELIMINARY AMOUNT>>.

Must be postmarked or received no later than [DATE]

Weidler, et al. v. Circuit City Stores, Inc. Claims Administrator [Address]

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# **REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION** FROM PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

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# Exhibit B

**Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Final Judgment** 

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324 of the above-entitled Court, the Honorable Judge Victoria G. Chaney, presiding. After reviewing all the papers submitted in connection with the motion, the oral argument of counsel, and good cause having been shown thereby, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and all parties to this action, including the Settlement Class;
- 2. The Court hereby grants final approval of the Settlement on the terms stated in the in the Joint Stipulation of Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action Claims, subject to the further administration of said settlement in the bankruptcy proceeding. The Court finds that the terms are fair, reasonable and adequate pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382;
- 3. The Court hereby certifies a class for settlement purposes consisting of: All persons who were employed by Circuit City in California and who were at least forty (40) years of age as of March 28, 2007, and whose employment with Circuit City was terminated on or about March 28, 2007 or shortly thereafter;
- 4. The Court orders the appointment of Daniel E. Weidler, Michael F. Yezback, Eloise Garcia, and Angie Duron as the Class Representatives;
- 5. The Court orders the appointment of Nathan Goldberg and Michael Maroko of Allred, Maroko & Goldberg and David M. deRubertis of The deRubertis Law Firm as co-class counsel;
- 6. The Court approves claims administration costs of CPT Group, Inc. in an amount not less than \$13,000 and not to exceed \$50,000 from the settlement funds, the final amount to be determined after CPT Group, Inc. determines what additional work must be done to administer the settlement through the Bankruptcy Court;
- 7. The Court hereby awards incentive payments of \$15,000 to be paid to each named Plaintiff from the settlement funds;
- 8. The Court hereby awards Plaintiffs' counsel, Allred, Maroko & Goldberg and The deRubertis Law Firm, attorneys' fees and costs of 25% of the maximum settlement fund in the amount of \$3,750,000.

- 10. The Court hereby orders that class members who did not timely exclude themselves from the settlement have released their claims against Defendants as set forth in the Joint Stipulation of Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action Claims.
- 11. The Court hereby directs that the Clerk of the Court enter the Court's order as a final judgment; and,
- 12. The Court hereby orders that, without affecting the finality of the final judgment, it reserves continuing jurisdiction over the parties for purposes of implementing, enforcing and/or administering the Settlement or enforcing the terms of the Judgment but only to the extent that such action is so ordered or permitted by the United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond Division).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Dated:  $\frac{12}{12}/08$ 

The Honorable Victoria G. Chaney
Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court

# Exhibit C

**Proofs of Claim** 

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Signature Page for Proof of Claim

Class Representatives for Weidler Settlement Class:

Daniel E. Weidler

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In re Circuit City Stores, Inc., Case No 08-35653 U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

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Class Representatives for Weidler Settlement Class:

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Eastern District of Virginia	PROOF OF CLAIM	
Name of Dobton Circuit City Stores, Inc.	Case Number:	
NOTE: This form should not be used to make a cialm for an administrative expense arising offer the resembles	08-35653-KRH	
Name of Creditor (the person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):  Weldler Settlement Class	Check this box to indicate that this	
Name and address where notices should be rent;	claim amends a previously filed	
Christopher A. Jones, Esq., Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP 3190 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 300, Falls Church, Virginia 22042	Court Claim Number: 752	
Telephone number: (703) 280-9263	Filed on: Jan. 28,09	
Name and address where payment should be sent (if different from above):	D Check this box if you are aware that	
ALLRED, MAROKO & GOLDBERG Witshire Blvd., Suite 1500 6300 Las Angeles, CA 90048	anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.  Check this box if you are the debtor	
Tolephone number: (323) 653-6530		
1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: \$14,358.903,70	5. Amount of Claim Entitled to	
If all or part of your claim is secured, complete from 4 below; however, if all of your claim is unsecured, do not complete item 4.	Priority under 11 U.S.C. §507(a). If any portion of your claim falls in one of the following categories,	
If all or part of your claim is emitted to printity, complete item 5.	check the box and state the	
C) Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of claim. Attach itemized statement of interest or charges.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
2. Basis for Claim:See Attached (See instruction #2 on reverse aide.)	Domestic support obligations under 11 U.S.C. \$507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B)	
Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor:	Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$10,950*) carned within 180 days before filing of the bankrunger	
3a. Debtor may have scheduled account as:		
Secured Claim (See instruction #4 on reverse side.) Check the appropriate box if your claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff and provide the requested information.	petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(4).	
Nature of property or right of setoff:   Real Estate   D Motor Vehicle   D Other Describe:	1) Contributious to an employee benefit plan – 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(5).	
Value of Property:\$ Annual Interest Rate_ %	(1 Up to \$2,425" of deposits toward purchase, lease, or reutal of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(7).	
Amount of arrearage and other charges as of time case filed included in secured claim,  If any: \$		
Amount of Secured Claim: 5 Amount Unsecured: 6		
Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited for the purpose of making this proof of claim,	governmental units - 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(8).	
Documents: Attach reducted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, muchan	<ul> <li>Other – Specify applicable pmagraph of 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(),</li> </ul>	
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Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.	181J.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.	

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